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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 21, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GWEN MOORE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCO HARRIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Franco Harris, a giant in the football community.

Franco Harris committed his life to excellence. He ran for 12,000 yards and won four Super Bowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers, giving hope and inspiration to a community.

On Sunday, the Steelers were preparing to recognize Franco's contribution, 50 years after the play that is remembered as one of the greatest of all time, the "Immaculate Reception."

To remember him only for his legacy on the field would be a disservice. Franco Harris was committed to servicing and supporting food banks, blood drives, and youth sports leagues that run throughout central and western Pennsylvania.

Franco Harris loved the city of Pittsburgh, and he loved his alma mater of Penn State. He attended events throughout Pennsylvania, and he never gave the impression of being a Super Bowl MVP. He never gave the impression of being a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Franco Harris gave the impression of simply being a man from his community, a proud Penn Stater, and a proud member of the Pittsburgh Steelers Nation.

Today, we remember the life of Franco Harris, and we wish that we had that opportunity to honor him in person on this Sunday.

The success that Franco Harris brought to the Pittsburgh Steelers carried a fan base far and wide. The success allowed the entire United States to become in one gleaming moment a Steelers Nation.

HONORING THE APOLLO 8 CREW

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, 54 years ago the Apollo 8 crew lifted from Cape Kennedy, Florida, embarking on the first manned mission to circle the Moon.

On Christmas Eve of that year, they would be the first to be pulled into lunar orbit. On that same day, they became the first three humans to cross to the far side of the Moon where no radio contact could be made with the Earth.

These three men—Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders—would spend Christmas Eve unconnected from everyone that they loved.

While no other will be as far away from home this Christmas as the Apollo 8 astronauts, there will still be millions of Americans who will be unable to spend Christmas with their loved ones.

These will be the truck drivers on icy roads, the doctors and nurses working long shifts in snowed-in hospitals, police officers patrolling our streets, and men and women in uniform standing at far-away outposts serving to keep our Nation free and safe.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who are unable to be with their loved ones and their friends this Christmas.

As you gather around your table and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please join me in saying a prayer for those who are unable to be at home this Christmas day.

For those unable to see their children opening Christmas presents, for those unable to be with their grandchildren watching a train circle a Christmas tree, we are grateful for the work that they do.

From all of us here at the United States Capitol, I extend a heartfelt thanks for those individuals for their work and for their commitment to our Nation.

THANKING PENNSYLVANIA'S 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Congressional District lines shift in January, I am saddened by the fact that I will no longer have the honor of representing the Shanksville and Stoystown communities in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the place where 40 heroes lost their lives while attempting to stop the September 11 terrorist attacks aboard United Flight 93.

In the weeks that followed, I took my family to that crash site to pay our respects and to say a prayer for those who had given their lives to save other lives.

The Shanksville and Stoystown communities have the burden and the

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